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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

David Ray Hamm

Serial No.: 10/618,504

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For: Golf Cart

Shading System

Group Art Unit: 3612

Examiner: Morrow, Jason

Att'y Docket No.: P02707

Commissioner of Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

The Examiner's comments and the cited references of the Office Action mailed 10/15/04 have been carefully considered, and, responsive thereto, Applicant submits as follows:

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that although the Showalter reference shows that "the entire enclosure 12 may be completely removed from the golf cart," (column 6, lines 18-19) Showalter does not teach "wherein said shading means, said aperture means, said upper attachment means, said lower attachment means, and said windows means are joined together so that they may be removed from the golf cart as one substantially rectangular piece which can be laid out substantially flat". The Showalter device consists of many bulky irregularly shaped components and multiple layers permanently attached as one unit. The component shown in Fig. 5 of the Showalter reference permanently attaches to an upper portion of the Showalter device as shown in Fig. 13 of the Showalter reference, and does not attach directly to the golf cart.

For these reasons Applicant respectfully submits that rejection of Claim 1 should be withdrawn.